



Odyce Virginia "Ginga" Lanier Millsap

July 16, 1949 - January 9, 2014

Odyce Virginia (Ginga) Lanier Millsap passed away on January 9, 2014 at the age of 64 after a 3 year battle with breast cancer. She is preceded in death by her father, the former Mayor of Bessemer, Jess Lanier; mother Odyce Lanier; brother, Gene Lanier. She is survived by her loving partner of 33 years James Smith; son, Lanier Millsap; daughter, Molly Millsap; niece Sherry Lanier Pugh; grandchildren, Grace, Wallis, Sims Millsap and Madeline Douglass. Ginga was a warm, loving mother, grandmother, aunt and wife to her family. Her friends are far too many to mention. After graduating from Bessemer High School in 1967, she attended MSCW in Mississippi before settling in Bessemer and raising her family. She worked for many years in the wood and cabinet industry for United Plywood, NuTop, and most recent Cabinet Components. She was loved and admired by her co-workers and they all felt the loss of her passing. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Tuesday, January 14, 2014 followed by Memorial Services at 11:00 a.m. with Allen Head, Bill Phares and Jeff Bayne officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Pete Herndon, Wayne Moore, Joel Dillard, Cliff Hardy, Roger Holcomb, Dan Reynolds, Charles Hunter, Roy Howard and Stan Berryhill. The family request in lieu of flowers, donation to be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Building Fund or Bruno Cancer Center at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Molly, Lanier and Jim:\n\n\nOur continued prayers and thoughts for you at this time. See you all tomorrow at the Church.\n\n\nOur love,\n\nthe Bayne folk

Jeff and Caryl Bayne - September 17, 2021 at 11:19 AM

GH

“ Please share the following condolences with the family of Odyce Virginia Lanier Millsap: I grew up with Ginga and have many fond memories of her in grammar school, Jr. high & high school; including sporting events and high school dances. Since High School, the only time I ever got to see her was when I came home for our class reunions, every 5 years. I always got a big hug from her. She was such a sweetheart & I will miss her. I am so sorry for your loss! Thank you, Gary \"Shorty\" Horton 01/20/2014 05:21:37 PM

Gary \"Shirty\" Horton - September 17, 2021 at 11:19 AM

TS

“ Lanier and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Ginga was a special lady and one that I will never forget. She could bring a smile to everyone's face and was always so full of energy. She always seemed to be in a good mood. I don't believe she ever met a stranger and you were very fortunate to have her in your lives. I know how hard it is with losing my Dad almost 3 years ago. I did find comfort in knowing he was in a much better place. I'm sure the 2 of them are looking down on us and drinking a cold one. Take care, Trent

Trent Shemwell - January 24, 2014 at 05:05 PM

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Gary "Shirty" Horton - January 21, 2014 at 02:55 PM

KV

“ Like many of the class of 1967, we first met in sixth grade at The Annex, I remember Ginga as kind, funny and a friend to everyone. I am grateful to have know her and honored to have crossed her path. Rest in Peace.

Karen Mullins Vacarella - January 14, 2014 at 05:35 PM

TA

“ Ginga- you made such an impression on me and have molded me into the person I've become. You helped to break me out if my shell and challenged me to realize my own strengths and worth. I am truly blessed to have had you in my life. Thank you for your guidance. You will truly be missed.

Tracy Adams - January 14, 2014 at 03:26 AM

UT

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Lanier and the entire Millsap family. May grief, confusion and anger simply increase your capacity for faith, hope, and love.

UAH Office of Information Technology - January 13, 2014 at 10:11 PM

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Jeff and Caryl Bayne - January 13, 2014 at 06:39 PM

ST

“ *Ginga will always be in our hearts. My deepest sympathies to her
family.*

Staci House Thompson - January 13, 2014 at 02:13 AM

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“ *May God wrap his arms around Ginga's family during the sorrowful
time.*

Charlotte Garner Roberts - January 12, 2014 at 09:28 PM